

## 7. CHURCH WORK.

The object of this department is two-fold: *First* to make special reports of the various societies of the church and thus keep the Brotherhood informed along these lines of church work; *Second*, to develop these different branches of church work, and by inter-change of thought become more and more helpful in advancing the kingdom of heaven on earth. The following branches of church work will here be represented:

(1.) Conferences—National and District. The organization of the National and each District conference will appear regularly each week, and the work of the same, together with suggestions as to how they may accomplish the greatest good.

(2.) Sisters' Society of Christian Endeavor. Beginning with the first issue in January, we hope to give weekly reports of the sisters' work.

(3.) Young Peoples' Work. The work of the young people has developed wonderfully within the last year or two. They now have a society and a paper—The King's Children of their own, both recognized and endorsed by the National Conference. They are doing good work, and we shall give them special encouragement.

(4.) Missionary Items. It is our purpose to conduct this department in the interests of our mission work—National and District.

(5.) The Sunday School. It is intended to give each work, the teachings of the lessons for the Sunday following the duty of publication.

## 8. BOOK AND TRACT DEPARTMENT.

This department is conducted by J. D. McFaden and has already proven both helpful and interesting.

## 9. CHURCH NEWS.

This department is intended to report the news of the church from all parts of the Brotherhood, and will of course be of special interest to those who love to hear of the prosperity "in Zion."

## 10. CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

The letters from the children are to be continued as before. They are invited to contribute short letters, and thus help each other and the cause of the Master who loved them.

Besides these, there will be miscellaneous matter, poetry, items of interest, short selections, etc., etc.

Some one has beautifully said: "Children as they grow up leave childish things; Christians as they become Christ-like leave worldly things." Oh, to be Christ-like! "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." The highest thought was to convert and save men.

## A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

An experience of fourteen years of pastoral work among a people who yearly remember their minister with one of those well managed "donation parties," which always take him by surprise, led the editor to believe that he was "proof" against any surprise, regardless of its character, and that no kind of "surprise" would be a "surprise" to him. We confess, however, having been entirely outdone in this particular by the professors and students of the college.

Thanksgiving day happened to be the anniversary of the editor's birthday—just what number we are not obliged to tell—but at noon Mrs. Gnagey declared there would be no supper, having had a late dinner. We gently submitted as a good husband ought to, the wife being master of the house, but nevertheless we observed closely where the remnants of the dinner were stored, in case of emergency. How innocent we were! how gently we submitted to all these proceedings!

At 6 o'clock in the evening we were called to Prof. Miller's room for an hour's enjoyment. We went, we did. Our daughter called us back an hour or so later. Entering the dining room what did we see? For about a minute, nothing, then a sea of faces, and lastly a large table spread with the comforts of life. In our utterly utter astonishment and surprise, we stood in front of that table for a minute not knowing that *it was there at all*. Following are the names of those who were present: Josiah Keim and wife, J. Allen Miller, W. G. Rench, Chas. Smith, C. E. Deffenbaugh, M. B. Summers, E. A. Brumbaugh, Obed Helser, H. C. Greene, Jessie McKinly, C. G. Philips, W. H. Miller, David Zaner, C. E. Beeghly, C. E. Ford, Sadie Berkley, C. C. Wilcox, Lizzie Brenneman, S. B. Grisso and wife, J. C. Beal, Edith Sill, Miss Smith, together with our own family.

The occasion was a pleasant one and truly enjoyable to us. We congratulate the managers of the affair for its complete success.

Please accept our thanks, friends, for this expression of your good will, and appreciation of our presence among you. Let us not forget to learn a lesson from the occasion. Our years are going swiftly by. With the Psalmist shall we pray, "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." May all your years be pleasant ones, and each succeeding anniversary of your birthday, find you greater, stronger, purer, nobler, sweeter with piety, grander in prospect, and more nearly ready for the years of eternity whose cycles are not measured by human calendars. Thank you kind friends.

## NO DRINKERS WANTED.

Our railroads, manufacturing companies and many other business establishments have become practical temperance organizations, by refusing to employ workmen or other persons in positions of responsibility who are known to drink liquor. This furnishes a strong motive and inducement to men to abstain from forming the drinking habit. The *Washington Evening News*, in a recent thoughtful article, says:

The sad truth must be coming home to the man who drinks that his place in the world is an uncertain and disagreeable one. Not many years ago a moderate indulgence in the flowing bowl was not considered as a disqualification when a man of good abilities applied for a situation; but times have changed, and to-day the individual who goes forth to seek a position with his breath impregnated with the essential oil of barley is engaged in a hopeless errand.

The business man must necessarily place a good deal of reliance in his assistants, and he can only do that when they are distinguished for sobriety rather than as natural absorbents. No ambitious merchant likes to conduct an inebriate asylum in the guise of a trade emporium. The newspaper publisher desires to maintain the reputation and dignity of his journal, and hence will not have it represented by gentlemen who have registered a vow to consume the product of several distilleries.

The same spirit prevails in every branch of business, and even in the political world it is growing stronger year after year; time was, within the memory of men who are still young, when the ability of an officeholder to do "his share of the drinking" was considered highly creditable to himself and his constituents; but if he endeavored to demonstrate his capacity in that direction nowadays, he would be pained to notice that he excited disgust rather than admiration.

The feeling against drinking as an institution is growing and will be permanent, and should be the best sort of a temperance lecture to a young man who hopes to accomplish anything in the world; he can do nothing that will more hopelessly handicap him than to swear allegiance to the cup that inebriates, but does not cheer.

Probably the most discouraging mission station in the world is the Moravian mission in Thibet. There are three stations, and the work has been in progress forty years, yet only sixty-three have been won. Still the Moravians stick to their post.—*Sol.*